

BLS-ADR COMMITTEE MEETING
May 25, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Eleanor Barr
Michael Carbone
Paul Dubow
Eric Van Ginkel
Jane Garzilli
Carol Millie
Irving Pfeffer
Robert Saint-Aubin
Jon Sylvester

LIAISON ATTENDEES:

Michael Abraham, Financial Institutions Committee
Peter Bronson, Executive Committee
Brian Lebrecht, Corporations Committee

GUESTS:

Donna Wynne

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Co-Chair Michael Carbone welcomed all to the meeting. All members and liaisons, and our guest, introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee approved the April 12, 2006 minutes.
3. **Liaison to/from Other Committees.** The Committee now has liaisons from two other committees of the Section and looks forward to more.
4. **Membership Recruitment.** There are six vacancies. We are looking for people with a genuine interest in ADR, including part or full time neutrals offering geographical and other diversity to the group. Applications are available on line.
5. **Program Committee Report.** Eleanor Barr gave the report and said that the reviews on the Webinar last month were excellent. We are having another Webinar on September 12 on ADR in Franchise Law Disputes. A program on ENE will be organized by Tom Reese. Eric Van Ginkel is working on a program on Private Judging, a type of arbitration.
6. **Reception at Annual Meeting.** October 6, 2006 will be the annual meeting. The BLS-ADR committee will host another open house. Ideas are welcome.

7. **Legislative Report.** Paul Dubow gave the legislative report which is available on the website.

8. **ADR Manual.** Mike announced the format, time schedule and members of the committee who continue to work on the production of an ADR Manual. The working title is "A Business Lawyer's Guide to ADR." It is intended to complement the State Bar ADR Committee's publication, which is entitled "Attorney's Guide to ADR."

9. **Case law updates.** Eric Van Ginkel reported on current cases. He stated that Steve Sherman and Robert Saint Aubin will be working on case updates which will be sent out as EBulletins and posted on the website as they are completed

10. **Outreach.** The ADR Committee of the State Bar has published a pamphlet that is called "How Can I Resolve My Dispute Without a Trial?" This pamphlet is an excellent outreach tool that can be distributed to the general public through such outlets as libraries, schools, and community centers. It can also be used when giving talks to groups such as Rotary Club and others. Copies are available from the State Bar. It can also be found at http://calbar.ca.gov/state/calbar/calbar_generic.jsp?cid=10581&id=24186. Paul Dubow, Carol Millie, Robert Saint Aubin, and Eric Van Ginkel said that they would like to be added to the Speakers Roster on the website.

11. **Adjournment.** The Committee adjourned until July 20.

***Please Note: Future meetings for 2006 are scheduled for July 20, September 7, and October 6, 2006.**